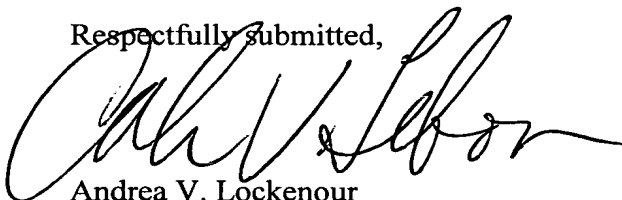


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/US03/00205 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Entry of this amendment into the record is requested. Claims 3-9 have been amended and new claims 10-16 have been added to place the claims into proper U.S. format. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Improved methods for preparing immunoconjugates are disclosed.